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For: Neutrokin-Alpha Binding Proteins  
And Methods Based Thereon

Atty. Docket: PF524C1

**Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.115**Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants submit herewith a Version With Markings Showing Changes Made. Please amend the application as follows.

***In the Specification***

On Page 1, please replace the first full paragraph immediately after the Title with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This application is a continuation of, and claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/533,822, filed March 24, 2000, which is incorporated by reference in its entirety and which claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(c) based on U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/126,599, filed March 26, 1999, and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/188,208, filed March 10, 2000, each of which are herein incorporated by reference in their entireties.--

**Remarks**

The specification has been amended to perfect the claim to priority of the present application on Page 1. Accordingly, no new has been entered.

**Conclusion**

Applicants respectfully request that the amendments made above be entered and made of record in the file history of the instant application. If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 08-3425.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 1, 2002

  
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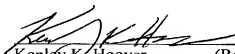
Sir:

The above-identified patent application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/533,822, filed March 24, 2000. The sequence listing of the instant application is identical to the sequence content of the computer readable sequence listing filed in connection with Application Serial No. 09/533,822 on March 24, 2000.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e), please use the computer readable form filed in connection with application Serial No. 09/533,822 as the computer readable form for the instant application. It is understood that the Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary change in application number and filing date for the computer readable form that will be used for the instant application. A paper copy of the original Sequence Listing is included in the specification of the instant application filed herewith. Applicants hereby certify that the paper copy of the Sequence Listing filed herewith and the computer readable sequence listing filed in connection with application Serial No. 09/533,822 are the same and do not include new matter.

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